

General Assembly

Committee Bill No. 5012

January Session, 2009

LCO No. **3458***03458HB05012GAE*

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by: (GAE)

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING EARLY VOTING IN CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 9-135 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2010*):
- 3 (a) Any elector eligible to vote at a primary or an election and any 4 person eligible to vote at a referendum may vote by absentee ballot if 5 he or she is unable to appear at his polling place during the hours of 6 voting. [for any of the following reasons: (1) His active service with the armed forces of the United States; (2) his absence from the town of his 8 voting residence during all of the hours of voting; (3) his illness; (4) his 9 physical disability; (5) the tenets of his religion forbid secular activity 10 on the day of the primary, election or referendum; or (6) the required 11 performance of his duties as a primary, election or referendum official 12 at a polling place other than his own during all of the hours of voting 13 at such primary, election or referendum.]
- 14 (b) No person shall misrepresent the eligibility requirements for voting by absentee ballot prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, to

16 any elector or prospective absentee ballot applicant.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	January 1, 2010	9-135
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow for early voting by absentee ballot in Connecticut.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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